IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A method of creating an aggregated registry, said method comprising the steps of:

accepting a query from a registrant, said query including an identifier and a search criteria, said identifier designating a registry database in a plurality of registry databases;

retrieving a first set of registries from said registry database designated by said identifier, each registry in said first set of registries matching said search criteria;

receiving a selection of a registry in said first set of registries; and

associating a user identification with said registry, the user identification uniquely identifying said registrant;

wherein said aggregated registry comprises each registry in each registry database in said plurality of registry databases that is associated with said user identification.

2-32. (Cancelled)

33. (New) A method of reviewing a registry over the Internet, the method comprising:

obtaining a query from a guest;

displaying, in response to said query, a plurality of registries that match said query, wherein said plurality of registries that match said query includes registries from more than one registry database provider; and

receiving a selection of said registry in said plurality of registries, thereby allowing said guest to review items in said registry over the Internet.

34. (New) The method of claim 33 wherein said query includes a first name of a registrant that has a registry in said plurality of registries, a last name of a registrant that has a registry in said plurality of registries, or both a first name and a last name of a registrant that has a registry in said plurality of registries.

35. (New) The method of claim 33 wherein said query includes an event date.

36. (New) The method of claim 33, the method further comprising:

performing a login procedure prior to said obtaining, the login procedure identifying a guest profile associated with said guest.

37. (New) The method of claim 33 wherein each registry database provider is a retailer, a department store, a small business, or a shop owner.

38. (New) The method of claim 33 wherein said registry in said plurality of registries comprises a registrant, an event, and a plurality of items that the respective registrant would like to acquire.

39. (New) The method of claim 38 wherein said event is a calendared event.

40. (New) The method of claim 38 wherein said event is an engagement, a wedding, an anniversary, a birthday, a graduation, a religious holiday, a baby shower, a baptism, a confirmation, Mother's day, or Father's day.

41. (New) The method of claim 33 wherein said registry in said plurality of registries comprises a registrant and a plurality of items that the respective registrant would like to acquire, and wherein said plurality of items represents a generalized wish list of the registrant.

42. (New) The method of claim 33 wherein said registry in said plurality of registries includes search data selected from the group consisting of the full name of a registrant, the full name of a coregistrant, an event date, an event location, a store number where the registry was created, a sales consultant number, and a sales consultant name.

43. (New) The method of claim 33 wherein said registry in said plurality of registries comprises (i) a registrant password, (ii) a guest password that is specified by a guest before access is granted to the registry, (iii) a shipping address to use for purchases made prior to an event, or (iv) a shipping address to use for purchase made after an event.

44. (New) The method of claim 33 wherein said registry includes a flag that controls whether said registry is accessible over the Internet.

45. (New) The method of claim 33 wherein said registry includes a flag that designates whether the registry is active or cancelled.

46. (New) The method of claim 33 wherein said registry includes a flag that records when a change was made to the registry.

47. (New) The method of claim 33 wherein said registry includes a flag that is used to synchronize the registry with a registry on a remote server.

48. (New) The method of claim 33 wherein said registry includes a plurality of registry items and wherein each registry item in said plurality of registry items comprises a retailer registry identifier.

49. (New) The method of claim 48 wherein said retailer registry identifier comprises a stock keeping unit or a universal product code number.

50. (New) The method of claim 48 wherein each registry item in said plurality of registry items further comprises a quantity desired, the quantity of the registry item that has already been purchased, a description of the registry item or the registry item purchase price.

51. (New) A computer system for reviewing a registry over the Internet, the computer system comprising:
        a central processing unit;
        a memory coupled to the central processing unit, the memory storing:
        instructions for obtaining a query from a guest;
        instructions for displaying, in response to said query, a plurality of registries that match said query, wherein said plurality of registries that match said query includes registries from more than one registry database provider;
        instructions for receiving a selection of a registry in said plurality of registries; and
        instructions for providing access to said registry over the Internet.

52. (New) The computer system of claim 51 wherein said query includes a first name of a registrant that has a registry in said plurality of registries, a last name of a registrant that has a registry in said plurality of registries, or both a first name and a last name of a registrant that has a registry in said plurality of registries.

53. (New) The computer system of claim 51 wherein said query includes an event date.

54. (New) The computer system of claim 51 the memory further storing:

instructions for performing a login procedure, the login procedure identifying a guest profile associated with said guest.

55. (New) The computer system of claim 51 wherein each registry database provider is a retailer, a department store, a small business, or a shop owner.

56. (New) The computer system of claim 51 wherein said registry in said plurality of registries comprises a registrant, an event, and a plurality of items that the respective registrant would like to acquire.

57. (New) The computer system of claim 51 wherein said event is a calendared event.

58. (New) The computer system of claim 51 wherein said event is an engagement, a wedding, an anniversary, a birthday, a graduation, a religious holiday, a baby shower, a baptism, a confirmation, Mother's day, or Father's day.

59. (New) The computer system of claim 51 wherein said registry comprises a registrant and a plurality of items that the respective registrant would like to acquire, and wherein said plurality of items represents a generalized wish list of the registrant.

60. (New) The computer system of claim 51 wherein said registry is from a registry database that resides on a remote server.

61. (New) The computer system of claim 60 wherein said instructions for displaying includes instructions for accessing said registry in said registry database that resides on said remote server.

62. (New) The computer system of claim 51 wherein:

said registry is stored in said memory;

said registry is a copy of a registry stored in a master registry database in a remote server; and

said master registry is associated with a retailer.

63. (New) The computer system of claim 62 wherein said memory further comprises an upload module, the upload module comprising instructions for receiving an update of said master registry database from said remote server.

64. (New) The computer system of claim 63 wherein said update of said master registry database is an incremental update.

65. (New) The computer system of claim 63 wherein said update of said master registry database is a full update.

66. (New) The computer system of claim 63 wherein said update is sent to said memory using the file transfer protocol.

67. (New) The computer system of claim 62 wherein said memory further comprises a download module, the download module comprising instructions for downloading an order made by said guest to said remote server.

68. (New) The computer system of claim 62 wherein said memory further comprises instructions for periodically resolving said registry with said master registry.

69. (New) The computer system of claim 68 wherein said resolving comprises deducting, from the registry in said master registry that corresponds to said registry, those items that were purchased by said guest using said registry.

70. (New) The computer system of claim 51 wherein said registry in said plurality of registries includes search data selected from the group consisting of the full name of a registrant, the full name of a coregistrant, an event date, an event location, a store number where the registry was created, a sales consultant number, and a sales consultant name.

71. (New) The computer system of claim 51 wherein said registry in said plurality of registries comprises (i) a registrant password, (ii) a guest password that is specified by a guest

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before access is granted to the registry, (iii) a shipping address to use for purchases made prior to an event, or (iv) a shipping address to use for purchase made after an event.

72. (New) The computer system of claim 51 wherein said registry includes a flag that controls whether said registry is accessible over the Internet.

73. (New) The computer system of claim 51 wherein said registry includes a flag that designates whether the registry is active or cancelled.

74. (New) The computer system of claim 51 wherein said registry includes a flag that records when a change was made to the registry.

75. (New) The computer system of claim 51 wherein said registry includes a flag that is used to synchronize the registry with a registry on a remote server.

76. (New) The computer system of claim 51 wherein said registry includes a plurality of registry items and wherein each registry item in said plurality of registry items comprises a retailer registry identifier.

77. (New) The computer system of claim 76 wherein said retailer registry identifier comprises a stock keeping unit or a universal product code number.

78. (New) The method of claim 76 wherein each registry item in said plurality of registry items further comprises a quantity desired, the quantity of the registry item that has already been purchased, a description of the registry item or the registry item purchase price.

79. (New) A computer system for reviewing a registry over the Internet, the computer system comprising:

    one or more remote servers, each remote server in said one or more remote servers storing a registry database;

    a central server; said central server comprising:

    a central processing unit;

    a memory coupled to the central processing unit, the memory storing:

    instructions for obtaining a query from a guest;

instructions for displaying, in response to said query, a plurality of registries that match said query, wherein said plurality of registries that match said query includes registries from more than one registry database provider;

     instructions for receiving a selection of a registry in said plurality of registries; and

     instructions for providing access to said registry over the Internet.

80. (New) The computer system of claim 79 wherein said query includes a first name of a registrant that has a registry in said plurality of registries, a last name of a registrant that has a registry in said plurality of registries, or both a first name and a last name of a registrant that has a registry in said plurality of registries.

81. (New) The computer system of claim 79 wherein said query includes an event date.

82. (New) The computer system of claim 79 the shopping module further comprising:

     instructions for performing a login procedure, the login procedure identifying a guest profile associated with said guest.

83. (New) The computer system of claim 79 wherein each registry database provider is a retailer, a department store, a small business, or a shop owner.

84. (New) The computer system of claim 79 wherein said registry in said plurality of registries comprises a registrant, an event, and a plurality of items that the respective registrant would like to acquire.

85. (New) The computer system of claim 79 wherein said event is a calendared event.

86. (New) The computer system of claim 79 wherein said event is an engagement, a wedding, an anniversary, a birthday, a graduation, a religious holiday, a baby shower, a baptism, a confirmation, Mother's day, or Father's day.

87. (New) The computer system of claim 79 wherein said registry comprises a registrant and a plurality of items that the respective registrant would like to acquire, and wherein said plurality of items represents a generalized wish list of the registrant.

88. (New) The computer system of claim 79 wherein said registry in said plurality of registries includes search data selected from the group consisting of the full name of a registrant, the full name of a coregistrant, an event date, an event location, a store number where the registry was created, a sales consultant number, and a sales consultant name.

89. (New) The computer system of claim 79 wherein said registry in said plurality of registries comprises (i) a registrant password, (ii) a guest password that is specified by a guest before access is granted to the registry, (iii) a shipping address to use for purchases made prior to an event, or (iv) a shipping address to use for purchase made after an event.

90. (New) The computer system of claim 79 wherein said registry includes a flag that controls whether said registry is accessible over the Internet.

91. (New) The computer system of claim 79 wherein said registry includes a flag that designates whether the registry is active or cancelled.

92. (New) The computer system of claim 79 wherein said registry includes a flag that records when a change was made to the registry.

93. (New) The computer system of claim 79 wherein said registry includes a flag that is used to synchronize the registry with a registry on a remote server.

94. (New) The computer system of claim 79 wherein said registry includes a plurality of registry items and wherein each registry item in said plurality of registry items comprises a retailer registry identifier.

95. (New) The computer system of claim 94 wherein said retailer registry identifier comprises a stock keeping unit or a universal product code number.

96. (New) The computer system of claim 94 wherein each registry item in said plurality of registry items further comprises a quantity desired, the quantity of the registry item that has already been purchased, a description of the registry item or the registry item purchase price.

97. (New) A computer system for hosting a plurality of on-line catalogs, the computer system comprising:

a central processing unit;

a network interface;

a memory coupled to the central processing unit, the memory storing a web site, said web site comprising:

instructions for hosting said plurality of Internet accessible on-line catalogs, each accessible on-line catalog in said plurality of Internet accessible on-line catalogs comprising products available from a retailer, and wherein said plurality of Internet accessible on-line catalogs collectively represent a plurality of retailers; and

instructions for allowing a user to build a registry for an event using an on-line catalog in said plurality of on-line catalogs.

98. (New) The method of claim 97 wherein said web site further comprises instructions for allowing a user to register with a retailer in said plurality of retailers.

99. (New) The method of claim 97 wherein said web site further comprises instructions for adding said registry to a registry database that corresponds to said on-line catalog.

100. (New) The computer system of claim 99 wherein said registry database resides on a remote server.

101. (New) The method of claim 97 wherein said event is a calendared event.

102. (New) The method of claim 97 wherein said event is an engagement, a wedding, an anniversary, a birthday, a graduation, a religious holiday, a baby shower, a baptism, a confirmation, Mother's day, or Father's day.

103. (New) A computer system for providing an interface to a plurality of on-line catalogs, the computer system comprising:

a central processing unit;

a network interface;

a memory coupled to the central processing unit, the memory storing a web site, said web site comprising:

instructions for providing an interface to said plurality of Internet accessible on-line catalogs, each accessible on-line catalog in said plurality of Internet accessible on-line catalogs comprising products available from a retailer, and wherein said plurality of Internet accessible on-line catalogs collectively represent a plurality of retailers; and

instructions for allowing a user to build a registry for an event using an on-line catalog in said plurality of on-line catalogs.

104. (New) The method of claim 103 wherein said web site further comprises instructions for allowing a user to register with a retailer in said plurality of retailers.

105. (New) The method of claim 103 wherein said web site further comprises instructions for adding said registry to a registry database that corresponds to said on-line catalog.

106. (New) The computer system of claim 105 wherein said registry database resides on a remote server.

107. (New) The method of claim 103 wherein said event is a calendared event.

108. (New) The method of claim 103 wherein said event is an engagement, a wedding, an anniversary, a birthday, a graduation, a religious holiday, a baby shower, a baptism, a confirmation, Mother's day, or Father's day.